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## WAR NOT NECESSARY

Spaniards View the Cameron Resolution with Moderation.

## CANOVAS DOES NOT EXPECT TROUBLE

The Prime Minister To Make a Declaration on President Cleveland's Message—The Official Organ Advises Spaniards To Go Slow.

Madrid, Dec. 21.—Senor Canovas del Castillo, the prime minister, has received the official text of President Cleveland's message to the American congress and will shortly make a declaration on that part of the document which refers to the Cuban question. Conferences have been held during the past few days between the most prominent men in political life in Spain with the object of seeking a solution of the problem which confronts the government, and which, it is possible, may cause a war with the United States. It is conceded in all political circles that the situation is grave, but it is thought that the willingness of Spain to grant reforms in the Spanish West Indies should tend to avert any display of aggressiveness on the part of the United States. One point is settled upon, and that is that no reforms shall be put into effect in Cuba until the insurrection shall have been suppressed, for it is held that to offer reforms with the Cubans still in arms would indicate weakness on the part of Spain and would also be derogatory to her honor. Though the popular indignation caused by the receipt of the news of the action of the committee on foreign relations of the American senate shows little sign of diminution, there have been no demonstrations against the United States or its representatives anywhere in Spain. That such manifestations were expected, however, is shown by the fact that police and gendarmes were detailed to guard the American legation here, and precautions were taken elsewhere to protect the consulates of the United States should the excited people attempt to make an attack upon them. Orders were sent to the governors of the several provinces to prohibit any anti-American demonstrations, and from dispatches received from the provincial capitals it is known that the orders were faithfully carried out.

### Spain Advised To Go Slow.

The Epoca, the organ of Senor Canovas and the ministerialists, in commenting upon the situation, says that Spain needs at the present moment much calm, sound judgment on the part of the public to avoid greater difficulties than those the government is now facing. As long as prudence is compatible with national honor Spain has nothing to do save defend her rights if they are attacked. A recognition of belligerency is not a casus belli unless such recognition is granted by an interested nation. Formerly Spain recognized the belligerency of the Southern States of America despite the protest of the federal government, which did not regard the attitude of European governments in this matter as a casus belli. If the act indicated by the American resolution shall be commensurate with the protest, thereby greatly influencing the relations between the United States and Spain, but Spaniards must not forget the attitude of the powers, which, after President Cleveland's declaration against the Anglo-Venezuelan dispute, abstained from any intervention. Spain ought to keep account of all these precedents.

### Canovas Looks for No Trouble.

Prime Minister Canovas holds that, under the framing of Senator Cameron's resolution, there will be no armed intervention on the part of the United States in Cuban territory. Though the partisans of the proposal may obtain the necessary votes to override the veto which he believes President Cleveland will interpose and so make the resolution an obligatory act of congress, it would only affect a recognition of the independence of Cuba and lead to an offer of its good offices by the United States to terminate the war. With whatever officiousness the United States might interpose Spain will retain the right to accept or reject the offer of American good offices. If the United States recognizes the independence of Cuba she will then have to recognize the laws of neutrality. If she recognizes the belligerency of the Cubans Spain will have the right to stop and visit American vessels at sea. Senor Canovas does not think that the Cameron resolution need cause serious perturbation. It will only make the relations between Spain and the United States more strained, but need not cause a rupture. He will never consent to foreign interference in what is a question of Spain's domestic politics. Spain will regulate her acts so that nobody will be able to say that she made war upon another power, yet she will always repel aggression. The tone of the newspapers generally is

## PROF. HERRMANN'S FUNERAL.

Both the Hebrew and Masonic Ceremonies Used in the Service.

New York, Dec. 21.—The funeral of Alexander Herrmann, the magician, was held at Masonic temple yesterday afternoon. The large hall was crowded with friends of the deceased. The body, in a rosewood casket, on which was a mass of flowers, was borne into the hall and carried to the front platform. The remains were followed by Mrs. Herrmann, widow of the deceased, who was supported by Adolph Palme, a nephew of the dead magician. A choir from the Temple Emanuel sang funeral hymns. The simple Hebrew burial rites were conducted by Rev. Dr. Joseph Silverman of the Temple Emanuel, who delivered an eulogistic oration. The members of Munn lodge, of which deceased was a member, were present. After the oration they gathered about the casket, and Charles Heisen conducted the Masonic ritual service. At the conclusion of the ceremonies the body was taken to Woodlawn cemetery for interment. A large number of prominent people were in attendance; also delegations from the Lambs, Phoenix and Press clubs, of which deceased was a member.

### Against Oral Hearings.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The ways and means committee of the house is discouraging, as far as possible, oral hearings on the proposed new tariff bill. Many persons who have written for information respecting the hearings have been asked to put their arguments in writing so that they may receive more attention. There is a determined effort on the part of the committee to finish the hearings on the date specified—Jan. 11—in order that there may be no delay in reporting the bill to the house.

### Indiana Miners' Strike Ended.

Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 21.—The strike of the bituminous coal miners in this state, which began May 1, has come to an end. The men at the mines in three counties, representing 2,000 miners, have voted to accept the five per cent reduction from sixty cents a ton. Some of the men from other fields had gone to work at fifty-five cents, and many more had been conceded the sixty cents. It is understood the operators now paying sixty cents will ask their men to accept the reduction.

### Viscount Gough's Successor.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The official gazetting in London of a successor to Viscount Gough, secretary of the British embassy, has caused both surprise and regret in official and diplomatic circles that Lord Gough's career here should have been so brief, but considerable satisfaction is expressed that the new secretary, Maurice Ernest De Bunsen, is well acquainted with Washington, for he was very popular here years ago.

### A Cannon's Romantic History.

Hartford, Dec. 21.—The famous old cannon which was placed in the capitol Saturday has a romantic history. It is a 12-pounder smooth-bore cannon, presented to the state in 1863 by the United States minister to Belgium. When sent to the front it was found that the government had no ammunition which would fit it, so although it was carried all through the war, it never fired a shot.

### American Petroleum in Germany.

Washington, Dec. 21.—From information received here from Berlin it is believed there is no truth in the published report that the German government intends to resort to prohibitive measures against the importation of American petroleum as an act of reprisal for President Cleveland's action in reimposing tonnage dues upon vessels arriving in America from German ports.

### Senator Warren's Condition.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—United States Senator Warren of Wyoming, who submitted to an operation for appendicitis at the Auditorium annex Saturday, is reported by Dr. Hammond, the attending physician, to be much improved. Dr. Hammond entertains great hopes of his patient's recovery, but says it will be six weeks before he can leave his room.

### Against New York Waifs.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 21.—The new populist legislature will probably forbid by law the importation of homeless waifs from New York city. The Children's Home society has asked to be protected from the waifs brought into this state from New York on the ground that they are criminal and vicious.

### Ryan-McCarthy Bout To-night.

Buffalo, Dec. 21.—One of the greatest welter weight contests of the period will take place in the Empire Athletic club arena to-night between Tommy Ryan and Billy McCarthy. Both men are in superb condition, but one thing is in McCarthy's favor is that he is heavier and stronger.

### Locomotive Explodes.

Gads Hill, Mo., Dec. 21.—A freight locomotive on a side track of the Iron Mountain railroad, in this village, exploded. Engineer Fitzgerald and brakeman Irby were killed and James Brady, brakeman, badly injured.

## DENIED BY HAMLIN

American Missionary Says Mustapha Bey's Charges Are Lies.

## STORY MANUFACTURED BY TURKEY

The Sultan's Policy Is To Try To Place the Blame for the Slaughter of Armenians Upon the Innocent—Mr. Hamlin Assails Our Government.

Boston, Dec. 21.—In reply to certain charges against himself and other former missionaries of the American board made by Mustapha Bey to the state department at Washington, the Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, D. D., of Lexington, affirms that all the charges brought against him and the other missionaries are absolutely false. "Whatever proof Mustapha Bey may have presented to the state department," he says, "is manufactured by Turkish methods which will not bear examination. The testimony of Armenians given under torture is not admissible. In Turkey forged letters have been presented, but in every case the comparison, if allowed, with the writings of the accused, has at once revealed their forgery." With regard to the Hunchagists, Dr. Hamlin says that no word of his has ever been uttered or written which was not in earnest and unqualified condemnation. And the missionaries, now unjustly accused, he says, always have been against them, for which they have been threatened by them with assassination. "But the Turkish government is in a very tight place. The sultan is determined to exterminate the Armenians or convert them to Mohammedanism. He has been steadily at it for years. Some seventy or eighty thousand men have been massacred, peaceful, unarmed men, their houses destroyed and the women and children left to perish or become Moslems. This unparalleled drama of slaughter and suffering is attracting too much attention and suffering among the nations. The first plan of stultifying the truth of reports has to be given up. The evidence is multiform and overwhelming. The present plan is to lay the blame upon others. The sultan's party cannot accuse the Russians or Frenchmen or Italians or Englishmen. Their governments protect them. But any charge can be made against Americans; any amount of property can be safely destroyed, and any indignity perpetrated with safety. Our government has given us over to Sultan Hamid as the Lord gave Job to Satan—He is in my hand—only spare his life." No evidence has been brought against either of the three missionaries mentioned by Mustapha Bey to the state department—Dwight, Washburn and myself. We are absolutely not guilty and we challenge the proof. Whatever there is, it is a mass of falsehoods, and the documentary evidence is such as the Turkish government can pile up so long as it has sufficient money to pay the clerks for writing and the authors for forging. Let Mustapha Bey choose which horn of the dilemma he will hang upon. Either the Turkish people and government are the greatest cowards and poltroons in the world, or the greatest liars. There is no question of feeling here. Every one admits, with regard to the parties concerned, that the Armenians number 2,500,000 of unarmed people, who were never allowed to have arms, and a few, possibly 200, Russian Hunchags, unmistakably assassinated. On the other side are 24,000,000 of Moslems with the caliph (the successor of the prophet) at their head, and a trained army of, say 250,000 of the bravest soldiers in the world. The sultan's will is law to the army and people. Now the sultan, Abdul Hamid, either could suppress all their disorders at the beginning, or he could not. If he could not, he and his subjects are the greatest cowards and poltroons that ever had existence on the earth. If he could suppress them, which is evident, then his course for the past few years is one of falsehood, dishonesty and dishonor. He wanted to exterminate the Armenians, but the odium of it is arousing the public sentiment of Christian nations, and it may endanger his throne. He now resorts to the mean subterfuge of accusing the innocent, although accusation itself exposes him to ridicule. These awful Hunchags—these terrible Armenians are the sole cause. He has been two and a half years suffering the result. On the ground of my personal knowledge of, and my intimate correspondence with, the east, I denounce every charge thus brought against myself and associates as a piece of cowardly falsehood brought against men who have no protection."

### Frohman Says Wood Is a Fraud.

New York, Dec. 21.—Daniel Frohman, the theatrical manager, is in receipt of numerous letters from persons in various sections of the country asking for information regarding a man giving his name as Dave Wood and posing as an agent of a Frohman company, on the strength of which he has been borrowing money right and left. Mr. Frohman says that Wood is in no connected with his affairs and that he is a fraud.

## GERMAN DOCK STRIKE

Emperor William's Plan for a Coalition of Employers.

## AGAINST THE WORKINGMEN'S UNIONS

Official Boycott on Journalists Continues. A Reporter Unceremoniously Expelled from Prince von Hohenlohe's Parliamentary Dinner.

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Berlin, Dec. 21.—The parliamentary dinner given by the imperial chancellor, Prince von Hohenlohe, did not attract the attention of the press as has been the rule heretofore upon the occasion of this function and consequently less than usual is known of what actually took place there. The reason for this is the fact that the representatives of the press were entirely excluded from the banquet hall, whereas hitherto they have been especially invited to be present, but the presence of the kaiser, who mingled freely with the guests, conversing here and there upon the subjects of the strike of the Hamburg dock laborers, the rejection of the provision for reform of the judicial procedure by the reichstag and upon other important questions, has lent piquancy to the hearsay reports of the proceedings. While the dinner was in progress one journalist managed to get into the banquet hall upon his presentation of a blank invitation card, but he was soon discovered and unceremoniously expelled. Reliable echoes of the emperor's conversation at the banquet agree that his majesty's sympathies are entirely with the Hamburg employers and he is represented as saying that the employers are wholly lacking in their sense of the importance of forming a general coalition of employers against the unions of workmen and advising the co-operation of the German, English and other employers in devising a scheme of international communication upon the conditions of trade which would benefit not only the employer but the employee as well.

### The Recent German Scandals.

The emperor at Prince Hohenlohe's dinner conversed for some time with Herr von Levietzow, formerly president of the reichstag, and it is supposed that the subject of the conversation was the matter of the acceptance by Levietzow of the presidency of Prussian upper house, which has been declined by Prince Solms Hohenolms Lich on the ground of ill-health. The prince was elected to the office, but positively refused to serve. The scandals which resulted in the arrest of Major Baron von Tausch, chief of the political police, for forgery and perjury, upon which charges he is now in jail awaiting trial, are still being generally discussed in the newspapers and in the cafes and other public places. The Berliner Tageblatt, which paper was shown up during the trial of Baron von Luetzow as the home of one of the agents of Tausch, now endeavors to demonstrate its loyalty to the foreign office and vehemently denounces the at one-time supposed connection of Tausch with Prince Bismarck and count Herbert Bismarck as the grossest calumny against the ex-chancellor and his son. The Tageblatt, the Hanover Courier and other newspapers inspired from a common source, are conducting an agitation with the object of obtaining the arrest of Norman Schumann, alias Mundt, who was for a long time an active agent of Tausch and at the same time an occasional correspondent of a New York newspaper and a secret agent of the port. Mundt maintains a villa on Lake Lucerne in Switzerland, and has long enjoyed the confidence of the German embassies in Rome and Constantinople.

### Strikers May Accept Employers' Offer.

In regard to the Hamburg strike, it may be said that the prospects of success by the strikers are gloomy. The dispatches which have been cabled during the past week, while giving a general outline of the situation, really told nothing of the actual condition of affairs, which are such that some of the men are losing heart and are applying for reinstatement, but the masters remain obdurate and refuse to permit any of them to return until the strike is finally ended. At the beginning of the strike the employers offered to pay the men four shillings and six pence for a day of twelve hours, including meal times, but the strikers demanded five shillings a day with overtime. The employers are now renewing their offer, together with a reference of the matters in dispute to the court of inquiry suggested by the Hamburg senate with a view of preparing a method of settling disputes by negotiations between the employers and employees, and it is probable that, despite the fact that the balloting at Saturday's meetings of the strikers resulted in favor of continuing the strike, the offer will be accepted during this week, perhaps before Christmas.

### Bishop Keane at the Vatican.

Rome, Dec. 21.—Bishop Keane, formerly rector of the Catholic university at Washington, is to have an audience with the pope this afternoon.

## MAJOR M'KINLEY CHEERED.

Unusual Demonstration as the President elect Entered a Chicago Church.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—A burst of applause mingled with cheers surprised and greeted Major McKinley when his carriage drove up to the Sixth Presbyterian church on Vernon avenue yesterday. The sidewalk was crowded with people who were unable to find seats in the house of worship. Scores of persons lingered about the vestibule, the doors and the streets in front of the church during the services, and when Major McKinley came out after the services the cheering and applauding were renewed. Consideration of the day and place did not restrain the enthusiastic admirers of the president-elect. It was partially to avoid similar demonstrations that Major McKinley remained so quietly at the home of his friends during the week and declined invitations to visit many of the theatres. He did not suppose enthusiasm would express itself so emphatically on the Sabbath. Major and Mrs. McKinley drove to the East Side after church and dined with a relative, the trip in the keen air being greatly enjoyed. The rest of the day was spent very quietly.

### Says McKinley Is Against War.

Vienna, Dec. 21.—The Marquis de Hoyos, the Spanish ambassador here, declares that the Spanish government has received positive information that Mr. McKinley, the American president-elect, is not in favor of a war with Spain. The Neues Wiener Journal publishes an interview with Count de Casa Valencia, the Spanish ambassador to Great Britain, in which he says he is convinced that Mr. McKinley will not allow a rupture of the peaceful relations existing between Spain and the United States.

### A Family of Five Burned to Death.

New York, Dec. 21.—A family of five were burned to death at their home at 514 E. Fifty-eighth street last night. The dead are: Aaron Goldsmith, 45 years old; Mrs. Matilda Goldsmith, 35 years old; Bertha Goldsmith, 10 years old; Hattie Goldsmith, 8 years old; Frank Goldsmith, 6 years old. The only person in the house at the time of the fire besides those burned to death was Mary Roska, 20 years old, the servant of the family. She escaped by jumping out of a second-floor window to the rear yard.

### Americans at Jerusalem.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Consul Wallace at Jerusalem reports to the state department that according to the consular records of his office it appears that there are 330 citizens of the United States residing in Palestine. Of this number 438 are Jews, who are only nominally Americans, having lived in the United States just long enough to obtain citizens papers and passports. The majority of these emigrated from Russia to the United States and thence to Palestine.

### Business Before Parliament.

London, Dec. 21.—The queen's speech has been finished and the ministers now know what their programme is to be. The most important bills demanding attention are the educational masters' and workmen's conciliation, employers' limited liability and habitual drunkards, all of which have a fair prospect of passing. It is believed that the local government of Ireland bill will take from Ireland at least twenty members of parliament.

### Who Will Be Bayard's Successor?

London, Dec. 21.—The interest aroused by the speculation as to the probable successor of Mr. Bayard as United States ambassador to the court of St. James is intense, and among those mentioned in official and semi-official circles the most prominent are Senator Lodge, Whitelaw Reid, Joseph Choate, Col. John Hay and Chauncey M. Depew. Any one of these would be welcomed by the American colony.

### Suicide of Frederick Messing.

New Rochelle, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Frederick Messing, aged 31 years, a well known resident of this village, committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself through the head. He had been suffering with neuralgia and it is believed his suffering caused him to commit the deed. He leaves a widow and one child.

### New Jersey Trolley Roads.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 21.—The Union Traction company, which has secured rights of way between this city and Hackensack, has sold out to the big Consolidated Traction company, now operating all the main trolley lines in Essex, Hudson and Union counties. The road will be operated in April.

### A Child Indicted for Murder.

New Brunswick, N. J., Dec. 21.—It has not yet been decided when the trial will take place of Hilbard O. Newman, the 10-year-old boy who has been indicted for murder in the first degree for killing Frank Pfeister, 13 years old, during a quarrel over a game of "tag" at Weber on December 6.

### No Contest over Kentucky's Vote.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 21.—The democratic state campaign committee has abandoned its intention to contest the state's electoral vote owing to the lack of funds.

## THE HOLIDAY RECESS

Congress To Adjourn To-morrow Until After New Year's Day.

## PROGRAMME OF WORK ON HAND

Cuban Discussion Likely To Side-track the Regular Business in the Senate—Cool Heads Counsel Moderation.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The Cuban question and Secretary Olney's statement of the executive's position, may precipitate a debate in the senate this afternoon that will set aside the regular business assigned for the time that body will be in session before the holiday recess. It is not improbable that some of the more radical Cuban sympathizers will start the discussion with the presentation of Senator Cameron's report. Conservative senators who have studied the precedents are inclined to the opinion that the talk about a serious difficulty between the president and congress has no sound foundation. Cool heads will counsel moderation. There is not the remotest probability of Mr. Cameron's resolution recognizing the independence of the republic of Cuba being acted upon in the senate before the holiday recess. When the debate does begin, it is evident that Senators Morgan, Davis, Chandler, Lodge, Cullom and Mills will take up a position adverse to that of the secretary of state, and the discussion may be prolonged till after the 4th of March. It was agreed in the committee on foreign relations that the report on the Cameron resolutions should be made this afternoon and that the matter should not be called up until after the holidays. This agreement will be carried out. If the programme of the senate, made before the Cuban question took such an acute form, is permitted to be carried out, the senate will discuss the Oklahoma free homestead bill, which is the unfinished business. The beginning of the holiday recess, with the adjournment to-morrow evening, gives but two days for business in the house, and there is small prospect of a quorum. Consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, which is the unfinished business, will be resumed this afternoon, and the measure will probably be disposed of, unless the advocates of the library scheme proposed by the joint committee as a substitute for the provisions reported by the committee should require the presence of a quorum, in which case the bill will go over until after the holidays.

## OLNEY AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

Believed That His Visit Had Some Connection with Cuban Affairs.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The president who returned to the white house yesterday attended church a little later with Mrs. Cleveland. He appears much benefited by his outing. He brought back numerous fat ducks, which he caused to be distributed among the members of his cabinet and his personal friends. Secretary Thurber called to see him and spent some time telling him of the events that had occurred during his absence, but no official business was taken up and it is not believed that the president feels called upon to add anything to the Cuban controversy at present. This morning Secretary Olney made his appearance at the executive mansion and had a brief consultation with the president, and while there is no official guarantee for the assertion it is not to be questioned that their conversation referred almost solely to the latest phase in the Cuban situation.

### Lee Leaves for Havana.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Consul General Fitzhugh Lee, accompanied by his wife and daughter, left yesterday in the private car of President Du Val of the Florida Central & Peninsular railway for Tampa, where they are due this evening, and will leave Tampa for Havana on to-night's steamer.

### Death of Inventor Lyman.

New York, Dec. 21.—William Lyman of Middlefield, Conn., son of the late David Lyman, died of pneumonia in this city yesterday. William Lyman was best known as the inventor and manufacturer of the Lyman gun-sight, in use all over the world. He was a member of the Connecticut legislature in 1891.

### Position for T. F. Bayard, Jr.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 21.—Thomas F. Bayard, jr., son of the ambassador, has accepted a position in the department of the corporation counsel of New York and will remove to that city early next year. He will be connected with the department of street openings. He is a Yale man, class of '90.

### Swiss Restrictions on Our Meat.

Washington, Dec. 21.—United States Consul Germaine at Zurich, Switzerland, informs the state department that when American shippers send meat to that country without bearing the restrictions against American meat importation will probably be removed.



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The beautiful home we planned  
In the old glad times of the sweetest  
rhymes.  
When I sought your fair, white hand—  
When my heart's request was to build a  
nest.

"Next thing to Heaven!" I swore  
And it was, for oh, how lovely, you know  
In that little back room, top floor  
It seemeth well we here should dwell,  
And settle us down and sleep,  
And sing our lays to the good old days  
When we could not settle up  
"With thanks" came back my rhymes,  
slack!

And our hearts were sometimes sore  
When the landlord sent for his past due  
rent  
Of the little back room, top floor  
Life a fleeting year it seems, my dear,  
But I know it was long ago,  
For your tresses rare are now more fair  
Than they were at the time—you know—  
(The months may be a year, a deep pain,  
Refused to leave me more.)  
They were sold to stay the wolf away  
From the little back room, top floor

The gods have brought the gifts we sought,  
For we own our vine and roof  
But my heart still strays to the strange,  
sweet days  
When the Muses held aloof  
And my thought's fleet ship makes many  
a trip  
To a far-off golden shore,  
While I steal the themes for all my dreams  
From that little back room, top floor.  
—Nixon Waterman, in L. A. W. Bulletin

SOCIETY AS IT IS.

Characters: Frank Blair, a husband; Mrs.  
Blair and Alan Kemble, friends; Laura  
Kemble, a wife  
Scene: Veranda at "Nollies," Blair's  
country residence. Time: After lunch  
Temperature 50 degrees in the shade. Mr.  
Blair and Alan Kemble are discovered in  
wicker chairs

Kemble (glancing at the tennis  
court)—What energy! but there, at 20,  
one is willing to play tennis under any  
conditions. Myself, I am—

Mrs. Blair (fanning herself)—I should  
say, 40, if you are a day.

Kemble (starting nervously, but re-  
covering himself quickly)—I was not  
meddling any reference to my age,  
but for the sake of accuracy, if you will  
refer to your Browning Birthday Book,  
you will discover that I was 33 on the  
1st of April last

Mrs. Blair (doubtfully)—Thirty-five!

Kemble—The perfect age! In the full  
bloom of manly—of manhood!

Mrs. Blair—Thank you! If I desire  
an impression, I will consult Laura

Kemble (hastily)—Do no such thing  
No man is a hero to his wife

Mrs. Blair (laughing)—Look at those  
dear old fies!

(Kemble looks. Sees his wife and  
Frank Blair through an open window,  
the two figures sitting at the further  
end of a dimly-lit room are just dis-  
tinguishable. They are engaged in a  
game of chess.)

Mrs. Blair—I draw the line at playing  
chess with Blair.

Kemble—Chess is Laura's pet nurse-  
sage

Mrs. Blair—Nonsense?

Kemble—Yes, it is a cultivated vice. I  
do not play myself, but being a perfect  
husband—

Mrs. Blair—A man who periodically  
admits that a wife may possibly have a  
side she would like gratified.

Kemble (treating the remark with the  
air of a man who thinks it deserves)—But,  
what a perfect husband! I do not care  
if she will pine away for want of her  
very recreation. This is the sole  
reason of my coming to the "Nollies"

often

Mrs. Blair—You mean it is why I  
desire the frequency of your visits  
and of mutual assistance to one an-  
other?

Kemble—Exactly

Mrs. Blair—A week's chess for  
me? I am obliged on my mental diary  
to be continually subdued and feeling that one  
must be a bit hurt by my—

Kemble (in a murmur)—Neglect

Mrs. Blair (frowning)—Compulsion,  
obedience to the demands of social  
life

Kemble (enthusiastically)—And Lau-  
ra! She is such a quiet little thing, with  
the perfect simplicity of taste! She cares  
little for the glamour of a London sea-  
son, much preferring her country home  
and completely happy in the society of  
me

Mrs. Blair (quickly)—Now, Frank, he  
would positively go nowhere unless I  
go, unless he thought it would give  
me pleasure.

Kemble (who wanted to have finished  
his sentence)—I wonder what a man of  
his position saw in you?

Mrs. Blair—Probably what a man gen-  
erally sees in the woman he falls head  
over heels in love with

Kemble—In that case, nothing, his  
sense of perception are temporarily  
tripped

Mrs. Blair (with a becoming blush)—  
You cannot expect me to fathom the  
mysteries

Kemble—I suppose not. Anyhow, you  
are fortunate, he is a good chess player

Mrs. Blair—How should I know? I  
have only played a few games with him  
since we met.

Kemble—Ah! I remember your in-  
timation for the game that week; the  
next you were engaged

Mrs. Blair (thinking it is time to  
change the subject)—Frank thinks  
Laura a sensible woman

Kemble—I have a fairly good opinion  
of her myself

Mrs. Blair—And it is so convenient  
that they agree so well; the old dears  
are simply started with chess, a mi-  
croscopic or cribbage, and we are left  
entirely free to—

Kemble—Discuss politics

Mrs. Blair—And the agricultural  
question. Not one little bit of anxiety.  
I can even have girls like Alma Staf-  
ford in the house

Kemble—Yes. Laura and Blair give  
absurdly little trouble

Mrs. Blair (thoughtfully)—They  
could not have been badly matched.

Kemble—Ridiculous! Married people  
could never be of a similar tempera-  
ment. They would wish to be always  
together. When is a woman to know  
a perfect freedom is unless it is  
when she is married?

Mrs. Blair—You mean freedom to de-  
voted her attention entirely to one man—  
her husband.

Kemble (glancing at the chess-play-  
ers)—Exactly.

Mrs. Blair (toying with her chate-  
laune)—Have you ever considered a dif-  
ferent marriage for yourself?

Kemble—No, not since I have been  
married.

Mrs. Blair—You are satisfied?

Kemble—Absolutely! (With enthu-  
siasm.) Mine has proved a perfect  
union.

Mrs. Blair (after some hesitation)—  
And yet—

Kemble (reflects for a moment, then  
in a decided tone)—Yes, I will assist you  
You wish to recall a period prior to  
your week's infatuation for chess-play-  
ing.

Mrs. Blair (tolerably successful in a  
look of blank amazement)—What are  
you talking about?

Kemble—Yes, it was very absurd.

Mrs. Blair (her memory reviving)—  
Pardon me, you were

Kemble (chuckling)—To think I  
wished to marry you.

Mrs. Blair (laughing)—Ridiculous!

Kemble—How absolutely tired of one  
another we should have been by now.

Mrs. Blair—Bored to death! It was  
Providence that sent Blair just then.

Kemble—And Laura a month after!

Mrs. Blair—We have both been very  
clever

Kemble—Clever is the right word. It  
was a fortunate event in our lives, and  
as such revealed an astounding vein of  
common sense. If we had married, the  
"remorseless hand of fate" would have  
been clearly betrayed.

Mrs. Blair—To sum up, we have been  
provided with admirable partners to  
share the responsibilities of life.

Kemble—To bear the responsibilities,  
and provided ourselves with companions  
to share the irresponsibilities.

Mrs. Blair—What are the irrespon-  
sibilities of life, pray?

Kemble—Material for paragraphs in  
the society papers.

Mrs. Blair (with an attempt at sever-  
ity)—I think it is time to join the "ad-  
mirable partners" (Turning round and  
calling to the chess-players.) Have you  
nearly finished your game, Frank?

Another Voice—Your husband is not  
here, Mrs. Blair

Kemble (laughing)—Why, I declare,  
it's young Trollope and Miss Steadman?

I wonder where the others are.

(A short interval. Frank Blair and  
Alma Stafford have strolled up.)

Mrs. Blair (not altogether pleased)—  
Whatever have you two creatures been  
doing?

Alma (frankly)—Mr Blair has been  
telling me such delightful fairy tales  
in the conservatory!

Kemble (softly)—Fairy tales in the  
afternoon! Oh, Blair, I thought you  
were playing chess with Laura.

Blair (stroking his mustache nervously)—  
I was only recounting a few  
folk-lore stories, and Miss Stafford was  
good enough to be interested in them.

(Kemble gives him a kindly shake of  
the head. Laura comes across the lawn  
to the veranda.)

Laura—Oh, Alan, whatever do you  
think I have been learning?

Kemble—My dear girl, how should I  
know?—Capt Strickland has been  
teaching me cards in the summer  
house

Kemble—Has he? (Gratefully.)  
How extremely kind of him! (He re-  
collects that he does not particularly  
care for Strickland.)

Laura—Oh, he's delightful, Alan!

(Later, Mrs. Kemble and Blair are  
alone again.)

Mrs. Blair (thoughtfully)—I am not  
sure, Mr. Kemble, but that I shall not  
take up some interesting study, such  
as—

Kemble—Chess, or folk-lore stories?

Mrs. Blair—Perhaps, and you?

Kemble (smiling)—Oh, I shall go with  
the tide

Mrs. Blair—Yes?

Kemble—And teach my wife poker  
and the three-card trick—Black and  
White

A Secret Worth Knowing.

When one observes the ill-dressed  
women to be seen on the streets daily,  
person is led to think that their most  
common fault is carelessness in match-  
ing shades. Better take a contrast if  
you cannot get an exact match, but in  
London, at least, patience will always  
secure what is wanted, if one shop  
does not have it, another will. Har-  
monies in dress are more effective at  
all times and in better taste than con-  
trasts; thus, if you have a pink even-  
ing dress try rather to get gloves of just  
the same pink than of white kid or of  
tan. Again, if you have a hat with a red  
or a blue flower, and are buying a dress  
that you are likely to wear with it get  
something with a spray of blue or pink  
repenting that very tone of red or blue; this  
applies to every color. Strike a note in  
each costume, however simple, and  
keep to it. The cheapest gown, if all  
the details are studied, will cost no  
more and will surpass in effect some-  
thing at thrice the price. — Chicago  
Chronicle.

Apricot Toast.

A good way to make apricot toast is  
to slice down a milk roll about one-  
half inch thick, and fry these slices in  
butter till of a golden brown; mean-  
while turn the liquor from a tin of  
canned apricots into a delicately clean  
pan, add one ounce of powdered sugar  
and a wineglassful of sherry or liquor,  
as you please. Place a half apricot on  
each slice of fried toast, cupside upper-  
most, place a kernel in each cup, pour  
the sirup, etc., which should have boiled  
up, over the apricots and toast, place a  
teaspoonful of thick cream into each  
apricot and serve hot. — St. Louis Re-  
public.

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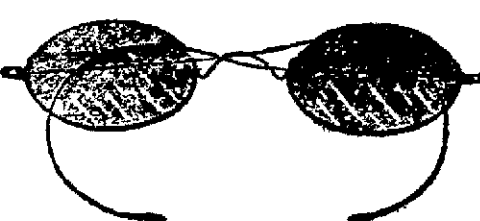
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### THE SMITH MONUMENT FRAUD.

The Man Who Did Oscar Owen Out of \$5 Tried the Same Game in Milledale—“Converted” at Hawley.

The Milledale Independent after publishing the Ance's article concerning the man who wanted to buy a monument for the Smith family and who did Oscar E. Owen out of \$5 says:

From the description given this same beat called upon Canfield Bros., of this place, on the same errand last September, but he failed to make a raise. He represented to Mr. Canfield that his home was in Sherman and that a “Smith” monument would be erected at Pleasant Mount at a cost of \$250. Almost the first words he said to Mr. Canfield were: “I guess you must be a brother of mine.” And at Mr. Canfield's astonished look continued, “If you are a Mason, an Odd Fellow or a Knight of Pythias, you are my brother.” This made Mr. Canfield a little suspicious. Although not being a member of any of those orders he knew that members have a way of ascertaining who is a brother without asking. So when Mr. Smith got to the point where his “wife” was in Sherman and had the pocketbook, Mr. Canfield was not caught napping. Mr. Canfield saw the man on the street the next day, but was not troubled by him. Smith did manage to get some assistance from some benevolent Odd Fellows.

We are informed upon good authority that Smith was in Hawley when revival meetings were in progress at the Baptist Church there. He claimed to have become converted and was baptized by the pastor, Rev. R. D. Minch. He attended the association meetings at Danvers, but we have never heard of him working his game at either of those places.

### BEAVERKILL.

Hurt in a Road Accident—An Unlucky Man Again in Bad Luck—Taken to the Poor House.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—Ira Ackerly was one of the unfortunate ones, last Tuesday. He was driving along the highway, near James Mundick's when the horse got frightened at something along the highway. The wagon was upset, and Mr. Ackerly was dragged several hundred feet before the horse was got under control. He is badly bruised and cut. Sturgis Bulkeley takes his place driving stage for a while.

—Another man who has had his share of mislapses is William Steele. He met with an accident in John Bussey's tray mill, up the Beaverkill, a few days ago. He was working on a circular saw, when his left hand came in contact with it, lacerating the first two fingers and the back of his hand. Dr. Miller, of Roscoe, was obliged to take several stitches in it. About four years ago he was nearly killed while working in the woods, having been thrown high in the air, and having struck on his head when he came down. His right hand has been crippled since childhood from burns.

—Mr. and Mrs. Philo Flint have been taken to the poor house. It seems too bad, for they were a worthy couple, and lived on the Beaverkill a great many years, keeping city boarders. Mr. Flint is eighty-two years old, and his wife is seventy-eight. For the last two years they have lived in Delaware county, near Shavertown. The old people did not realize where they were going.

### IN LONDON BARBER SHOPS.

Shaving Men Adorned with Emblems of the Owner's Business.

An interesting feature of the east end barber shops is the rack of pigeonholes filled with shaving mugs, each bearing, usually in German text, the name of the owner, says Pearson's Weekly. The shaving mug is evidently esteemed a valuable advertising medium, for many a mug bears, in addition to the owner's name, some emblem of his business. The undertaker puts on his mug the picture of a richly-appointed hearse, with all the proper trappings of woe. The butcher decorates his mug with shoulders of mutton, pigs' heads and linked sausages. The dentist displays the traditional double row of annoyingly perfect teeth. The fireman's mug bears the illuminated picture of a fire engine.

Van and handsome men adorn their curls with photographs of themselves. Others place beneath the names some inscription—a sentiment from the poets or an old German rhyme of good cheer. A child's photograph is occasionally appears on a shaving mug and now and then a coat of arms is emblazoned above the owner's name, for coats of arms are as abundant in the east end as elsewhere in the town. Sometimes it is a national coat of arms, German, Austrian, Swiss or Italian, displayed in honor of the deserted fatherland.

### A Masculine Privilege.

Mrs. Dinsmore—I see by the newspapers that New Jersey's only woman lawyer is allowed to wear her hat in court.

Mr. Dinsmore—So? Is she allowed to talk through it?—Up-to-Date.

### Something to Depend On.

James Jones, of the drug firm of Jones & Son, Cowden, Ill., in speaking of Dr. King's New Discovery, says that last winter his wife was attacked with La Grippe, and her case grew so serious that physicians at Cowden and Pana could do nothing for her. It seemed to develop into Hasty Consumption. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in store, and selling lots of it, he took a bottle home, and to the surprise of all she began to get better from the first dose, and half dozen dollar bottles cured her sound and well. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is guaranteed to do this good work. Try it. Free trial bottles at McMonagle & Rogers' Drug Store.

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A Professional Nurse in Middletown Says It Is Wonderful—The Top Notch of Records Reached.

Mrs. A. M. Ryerson, a professional nurse living at No. 7 Oak street, was interviewed by Doan's representative a short time ago. The lady kindly furnished the appended statement. “I think Doan's Kidney Pills the most wonderful preparation ever compounded. For years I have been troubled with Kidney and urinary disease, but about three years ago it developed into lumbarago. When I rose in the morning my back was always lame. I had to assist myself when moving about by grasping hold of objects for at least an hour or so. When I had one of my bad spells which generally lasted ten days I completely gave up. I had caught cold it settled in my back. Often when lifting a patient my back would give out and I could not walk for an hour after wards for pain. I tried everything I heard and read about for it, some relieved me for a short time then back came the old complaint again. As a last resort I procured a box of Doan's Kidney Pills at J. D. Mills' drug store. About the third dose I noticed an improvement and soon the pain left. I can get up in the morning and move around as briskly as I please without feeling either an ache or a pain. The urinary difficulty is also removed. I feel that I cannot praise Doan's Kidney Pills too much. I have recommended them to a number of people and I shall always do so.”

Doan's Kidney Pills are sold for 50 cents per box or six boxes for \$2.50; for sale by all dealers; sent by mail on receipt of price by Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States.

### HE ADMITS HIS GUILT.

Tobacco Chewer on a Lake Steamer Gets a Sharp Rebuke.

A distinguished lady from the continent, visiting Chicago during the world's fair, was asked to take a morning stroll down one of Chicago's fashionable avenues.

“The Americans have such filthy habits,” she said, turning up her eyes and closing them, deprecatingly, “that it is nauseating to walk their streets. If people must expectorate why do they not do it on the grass, or pavement, and not on the sidewalk. Nationalities are judged by their cleanly or uncleanly habits.”

Last summer a party of ladies took passage on one of the steamers plying between Chicago and St. Joseph for a pleasant sail on the lake. To enjoy the full benefit of the breeze they sought the prow of the boat. Plump in the center of the deck sat a well-dressed, middle-aged man engaged in the solacing diversion of chewing tobacco. Before the steamer had made the outer harbor the black liquid stood in pools about his feet. The ladies were rushing here and there for stools, but all gave him a wide berth. When the space had been pretty well filled the party aforesaid came upon the scene hunting for seats. The foremost lady suddenly halted, and with disgust pictured upon her handsome face said: “What pig did that?”

Looking up, unabashed, the middle-aged man replied: “I guess I'm the crutcher, marm.”

### HOLY PILLAR OF ST. PETER.

Witches Were Bound to It to Exorcise the Spirit.

In a small chapel stands a strangely wrought marble column inclosed in an iron cage, says Marion Crawford in the Century. The Romans now call it the Colonna Santa (the holy pillar) and it is said to be the one against which Christ leaned when teaching in the temple at Jerusalem. A great modern authority believes it to be of Roman workmanship and of the third century, but those who have lived in the east will see much that is oriental in the fantastic, ornamented carving. It matters little. In actual fact, whatever be its origin, this is the column known in the middle ages as the Colonna degli Spiriti, or column of those possessed by evil spirits, and it was customary to bind to it such unlucky individuals as fell under suspicion of “possession,” in order to exorcise the spirit with prayers and holy water. Artino has made a witty scene about this in the “Cortigiana,” where one of the Vatican servants cheats a poor fisherman and then hands him over to the sacred steeple of St. Peter's to be cured of an imaginary possession by a ceremonious exorcism. Such proceedings must have been common enough in those days when witchcraft and demonology were elements with which rulers and lawgivers had to count at every turn.

### The Reason.

Maude—They say that Charley Goones is awfully sweet on you.

Clara—Non-sense! I wouldn't be seen in his company.

Maude—I suppose that is the reason why you always turn the light down when he calls.—Boston Transcript.

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“Excuse me,” observed the man in spectacles, “but I am a surgeon, and that is not where the liver is.” “Never you mind where his liver is,” retorted the other. “If it was in his big toe or his left ear DeWitt's Little Blue Pills would reach it and shake it for him. On that you can bet your gig-lamps.” W. D. Olney.

### BOUNTIES ON SHIPPING.

Japanese Trade Has So Increased That Claims Will Soon Exceed the Grant.

A curious difficulty has just arisen in Japan in connection with navigation bounties. Employment had to be found for all tonnage purchased during the war for transport and general military and naval purposes, which, of course, at the conclusion of the war became part of the general mercantile marine of the country. For this purpose, says the Manchester Guardian, new lines of steamers to Australia, India, the Pacific ports of the United States and European ports were subsidized under the terms of a law passed during the last session. A limit on the gross amount to be paid in bounties was fixed by the law. It now appears beyond question that the claims under the provisions of the statute will vastly exceed the limit. During the ten years for which the policy of the act was to be in force the annual grant was to rise from about \$600,000 to \$1,000,000. But the government now finds that with the present activity in shipping enterprise in Japan two years hence the claims will be \$3,000,000, and at present far exceed the appropriation for the year. The authorities do not want to amend their law at the very outset, and they cannot pay the claims if things go on as they are doing. Accordingly, they are whittling down the liberal provisions of the act in a way not wholly unknown to officials elsewhere. Companies or lines obviously organized only for the purpose of earning the bounties or those of a speculative kind have their claims struck out. Even so, however, the substantial difficulty remains that genuine claims for the bounty are greatly in excess of the maximum limit imposed by law on the total amount to be paid as bounty.

### Advice from the Gallery.

When “Faust” was being played in a small Lancashire town this incident is being told: After the duel Martha, who rushed on the stage, slightly raised one of the duellists, and cried out in alarm: “Oth, what shall I do?” There was a death-like silence in the house, when it was aroused by an old woman in the gallery shouting out: “Unbutton his waist, ye scoundrel!”

### Diaz to See a Football Game.

Columbia, Mo., Dec. 21.—The Missouri university football team, which has decided to extend its southern tour to Mexico is informed by personal letter that President Diaz of Mexico will be present at the game which is to be played in the bull fighters' amphitheatre in the City of Mexico on the 28th inst.

### The Inaugural Ball.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Mark Hanna's letter to the inaugural committee practically abandoning the congressional library as the place for holding the inaugural ball will probably result in the selection of the peacock building for that purpose.

### Charged with Embezzlement.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 21.—Elmer A. Savage has been arrested on a civil process sworn out by the Herenden Manufacturing company of Geneva, N. Y. He is charged with having embezzled \$4,500 of the funds of the company of which he is the Milwaukee representative.

### Officers Probably Fatally Wounded.

Alton, Ill., Dec. 21.—Chief of police J. Kuhn and night patrolman John Rude were probably fatally shot here by three negroes, whom they tried to arrest. The footpads escaped.

### Earl of Normanton Dead.

London, Dec. 21.—James Charles Herbert Welbore Ellis-Agar, third Earl of Normanton, is dead at the age of 78 years. He sat in the house of Lords as Baron Somerton.

### NEW YORK MARKETS.

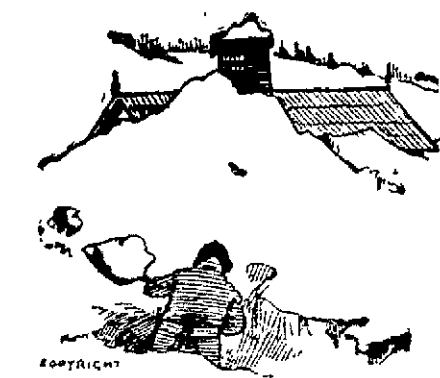
Wheat—Spot duller; no sales. Dec., 86½c; Mar., 85½c.  
Corn—Spot is firm, with small sales. Dec., 28½c; May, 31½c.  
Oats—Market is quiet and steady. Dec., 21½c; May, 24½c.  
Pork—Market easy; fair demand. Extra prime, nominal short clear, \$9.00@10.50, mess \$8.25@8.75, family, \$10.00@10.75.  
Lard—Steady; moderate demand. Prime western, \$4.12.  
Eggs—Market remains stationary. State and Pennsylvania fresh, 21@22c; ice house, 15@17c; western, fresh, 20@22c; hulled, 15@16; southern, 20@21.  
Butter—Prices are still unchanged. Creamery western extras 23c; state and Pennsylvania extras, 19@23½c; creamery, western seconds 18c; state dairy, half-brick tubs fresh factory, 13c; state dairy, half-brick tubs, full made extras, 19½@20c; western imitation creamery, seconds to firsts, 11@17c; western factory, firsts to extras, 8½@11c.  
Cheese—Prices inactive. State, full cream, large size, full made, colored, 10½c; large, common to choice, part skims, 3½@7c.  
Potatoes—Prices and supply normal. Long Island, in bulk per barrel, \$1.25@1.37; New Jersey, round, choice, per barrel, \$1.00@1.12.

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## DAILY ARGUS.

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MONDAY, DEC. 21, 1896.

Seranton has a pleasant custom of adding twenty per cent. to its January poor orders, as a Christmas present to all its dependents. And, strange to say, this sentimental liberality is heartily endorsed and sustained by public sentiment.

The Jingo Senators are certainly "out for gore." They are not only anxious for a war with Spain but are even threatening the impeachment of the President because they think he inspired Secretary Olney's declaration that Congress may "resolute till the cows come home" but the President will do what he thinks is wise and prudent and for the country's interest and honor.

The latest cabinet gossip is that Sherman is to be Secretary of State; Dingley, Secretary of the Treasury and Cornelius N. Bliss, Secretary of the Navy. It is asserted positively that this slate will stand if Governor Bushnell and Senator-elect Foraker keep the bargain they have made that Mark Hanna shall be appointed to succeed Sherman when he resigns as Senator to enter the Cabinet. The deal also includes the election of Hanna for the next Senatorial term in the event of the Republicans controlling the Ohio Legislature.

It is human nature for the Democratic and free silver Republican Senators to seek to embarrass the Republican minority, but it is not good politics. McKinley and his sponsors and followers have promised that if given a chance they will bring the country great, abounding and permanent prosperity. They should be given the fullest opportunity to make their words good. Let us have the millennium just as soon as the Republican party can get it here and if, as is certain to be the case, the Republican party fails to make good its pledges, the country should know without a day's unnecessary delay that it has been deceived. Democrats and silver Republicans should get out of the way and let the "Advance Agent for Prosperity" have a clear field.

It costs about \$5,000,000 a year to care for the 19,000 insane now in the State hospitals and the Lunacy Commission claims that it saves the taxpayers of the State \$1,500,000 annually by its management of these institutions. It may be true that State care has reduced the cost of maintaining the pauper and dependent insane to some of the counties, but it certainly has saved nothing to the taxpayers of Orange county, who now have to raise for the care of the insane more than double what they did under the old system; and there are no corresponding benefits for the county's insane charges were as comfortably maintained and as well cared for in every way at the county asylum as they are in the State hospitals.

Senator Lodge's bill restricting immigration has passed the Senate and will undoubtedly pass the House. The measure adds to the list of non-political convicts, contract laborers, idiots, lunatics, and persons liable to become public charges within a year, who are now excluded. During the past year 2,799 persons were sent back under these regulations, but these figures give no idea of the good done by the restrictions, for they make the steamship companies very careful not to bring here immigrants whom they may have to take back. There is no doubt that further restrictions will meet with general approval. While there is no work for hundreds of thousands of our own citizens, it is a most foolish to open our doors to a flood of undesirable immigrants from Europe.

## THE GLAD CHRISTMAS TIME.

## The Churches' Christmas Treats to Sunday School Children.

Pupils in the various Sunday Schools are now looking forward to the Christmas exercises which is always a happy occasion for them.

The first of these will take place to-morrow evening at the First Presbyterian Church, where an entertainment and a supper will be given.

The Second Presbyterian Sunday School will give an entertainment and have a supper on Tuesday evening of next week.

The school attached to St. Paul's Church will have a supper and entertainment probably on New Year's eve.

The Christmas exercises of the First Congregational Church will be held next Sunday evening.

## Old People.

Old people who require medicine to regulate the bowels and kidneys will find the true remedy in Electric Bitters. This medicine does not stimulate and contains no whiskey nor other intoxicant, but acts as a tonic and alterative. It acts mildly on the stomach and bowels, adding strength and giving tone to the organs, thereby aiding Nature in the performance of the functions. Electric Bitters is an excellent appetizer and aids digestion. Old people find it just exactly what they need. Price fifty cents and \$1.00 per bottle at McMonagle & Rogers' Drug Store.

## LATEST BY TELEGRAPH

## BIG CHICAGO BANK SUSPENDS

The National Bank of Illinois, The Second and Largest National Bank in Chicago, Wrecked by Official Mismanagement.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—The National Bank of Illinois, one of the oldest and best known banks here, with assets of nearly \$15,000,000, suspended, this morning. The bank was suspended from the Clearing House Association at a meeting of the Clearing House Committee held, yesterday. The failure is due to unwarrantable and injudicious loans, through which the capital of \$1,000,000 and the surplus of \$1,000,000 are seriously imperiled, if not lost.

The last official report of the bank's condition showed deposits of \$8,547,388 due to individuals and \$3,628,178 to banks. The Clearing House Committee found that the bank's cash resources were not up to the requirements of the law. It also says it is the opinion of the officers and directors of the bank that its resources are ample to pay all liabilities in full. It is the opinion of the committee that adjusted claims against the bank may be considered ample collateral security for loans at 75 per centum of their face value.

George Schneider is president and Carl Moll, cashier of the wrecked bank. Moll said last evening: "By the grace of God the bank will pull through." The bank was organized in 1871. It was the second largest national bank in Chicago.

## OTHER FAILURES PRECIPITATED

E. Dwyer & Co., one of the oldest banking establishments here has failed. Dwyer refuses to make a statement. The banking firm of Wassmansdorf & Heilmann also failed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The Comptroller of the Currency says the failure of the National Bank of Illinois was due to the injudicious, reckless and imprudent methods followed by the officers and directors, though their attention has been individually called to the same, and over their individual signatures they had promised to remedy the weak points in the bank's condition.

The chief cause of the failure is the bank's holdings of Calumet Electric Railway stock. The management of the officers and directors have been, to state it mildly, grossly negligent.

## THE INDEPENDENCE OF CUBA

The Report of the Foreign Relations Committee in Support of the Cameron Resolution.

BY UNITED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Senator Cameron for the Foreign Relations' Committee presented with the resolution acknowledging Cuban independence a long report dealing with modern precedents of European intervention where independence was at stake.

The case of Greece is cited and from this and more recent cases it is shown that European nations have invariably asserted and practiced the right to interfere collectively and separately, amicably and forcibly, in every instance except that of Poland, where a European people has resorted to insurrection to obtain independence.

The action of this country in recognizing the independence of the various Spanish-American countries and the course of England and France toward the Confederate States are also cited.

The act of Congress in regard to the rebellion in Cuba is mentioned and quotations from President Cleveland's messages are made. The report says that the insurgent government was regularly organized September, 1895, and has since continued to perform its functions undisturbed. The military achievements of the rebels are referred to. The report declares that this government entertains a friendly feeling for Spain, and in the present case is actuated by an earnest wish to avoid the danger of seeming to provoke a conflict and concludes by recommending the passage of the joint resolution agreed to by the committee.

On Mr. Cameron's motion the report was ordered printed and the resolution was laid over until after the holidays.

## INFORMATION FOR SPANISH OFFICERS.

BY UNITED PRESS.

MADRID, Dec. 21.—The *Heraklo* says the War Ministry is preparing a pamphlet for distribution to army and navy officers, containing full details concerning American forts, defenses, railways, military organizations, etc.

## TWENTY-FIVE PASSENGERS INJURED

BY UNITED PRESS.

LEWISTON, Dec. 21.—A train on the Grand Trunk Railway, from Portland, was derailed by a broken rail near Danville. Twenty-five passengers were injured, but none seriously.

## The Rite of Baptism.

Seven candidates were immersed at the First Baptist Church, last evening, and admitted to membership in the church.

## A New Gas Lamp.

A new gas lamp has been placed on East Main street, near the residence of J. W. Phillips.

## Piles Cured in 3 to 6 Nights.

Dr. Agnew's Ointment will cure all cases of itching Piles in from 3 to 6 nights. One application brings comfort. For Blind and Bleeding Piles it is peerless. Also cures Tetter, Salt Rheum, Eczema, Barber's Itch and all eruptions of the skin. 25 cents.

Sold by James T. King and McMonagle & Rogers.

## OBITUARY.

## Percy Hall Jones.

Mrs. Percy Hall Jones, wife of E. F. Jones, a druggist of Port Jervis, died very suddenly at her home in that village, yesterday. The deceased was an aunt of Hon. Frank Buckley, having been his mother's sister. She is survived by her husband and one son, W. S. Jones, who is in the dry goods business in Port Jervis.

## Louise Hoyt Coleman.

From Our Goshen Correspondent.

Miss Louise Hoyt Coleman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Coleman, died of pneumonia at 8:30 o'clock, yesterday morning, at her home on South street, after an illness of brief duration. She had been confined to her bed about one week, although she had not been well since the 10th inst.

Miss Coleman was born in Goshen on March 5, 1875, and was therefore twenty-one years, nine months and fifteen days old. She was the eldest child and only daughter. Besides her parents, a brother, Herbert V., survives her.

The deceased was talented, popular and accomplished in an exceptional degree. Two years ago she graduated, after a four years' course from Moravian College at Bethlehem, Pa. She was prominent in social affairs, church life and works of charity; a member of the Presbyterian Church, of the Young Peoples' Society of Christian Endeavor, of the King's Daughters and of the Young Ladies' Missionary Society.

Several months ago the announcement was made of her engagement to the Rev. Harry H. Dunn, of Wilkesbarre, Pa. They were to have been married in the autumn of next year. The Rev. Mr. Dunn arrived at Goshen, Saturday evening.

In the death of Miss Coleman, the various Christian societies above mentioned will lose an earnest worker and Goshen loses one of its most estimable young women. Sorrow at her early death will be felt not alone by those with whom she was most intimately associated, but by all who knew her.

The funeral will be held from her late home at 2 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon.

## The Fire Record Again Broken.

The fire record has again been broken. There have already been nine fires in the present month, one more than in any preceding month in the history of the department. The previous record was eight fires in one month, in July last.

## The Firemen's Almanac.

Hanford & Horton are distributing the always reliable Farmers' Almanac for 1897 to their customers. The edition is large, but the firm's customers are many, so if you want a copy you should call early.

## Preparing for the Holiday Vacation.

The public schools will close, Wednesday afternoon, for the holiday vacation. The children are practicing for the closing exercises.

## Card of Thanks.

I desire to express to my many friends my heartfelt thanks for sympathy and kindness during my recent bereavement.

CLARENCE E. GIBB.

## Health

Depends upon keeping the blood in a pure condition, free from disease germs, and yet there are very few people who have perfectly pure blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla cleanses, vitalizes and enriches the blood, throwing out the impurities that clog and irritate the system and permits no lodgment of the seeds of disease. Read the following:

"I cannot recommend Hood's Sarsaparilla too highly for it has done wonders for me. I was

## Sick

and all run down and my health was so poor I could not get out of doors. I was not able to do anything, being troubled with asthma and heart disease. I was nervous and could not sleep nights. I had become completely discouraged when I happened to read an advertisement of Hood's Sarsaparilla and concluded to give it a trial. After taking the first bottle I felt better and since taking five bottles I am so much improved that I feel like a new man. I am now able to do a fair day's work and sleep

## Well

at night. My heart does not trouble me and I have realized great relief for asthma. I feel full of courage once more and life seems brighter and worth living. I would recommend Hood's Sarsaparilla to all afflicted as I have been, for I know it will help them. If this statement of facts will be of benefit, you are welcome to use it as you please." HENRY J. WRIGHT, Box 502, Oxford, New York.

## Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the One True Blood Purifier. All druggists, \$1. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. cure all Liver Ills and Hood's Pills Sick Headache. 25 cents.

## BARGAINS IN LADIES' JACKETS!

suitable for Holiday Gifts, at \$4.79 each, formerly \$6 to \$9 each; at \$7, formerly sold at \$10. For Gents—Traveling Bags, Leather Comb and Brush Cases, Umbrellas and Gloves. Special values in Linen Cloths and Napkins. Do not forget our Kid Glove Department—The Lorient at \$1, the Neptune at \$1.25 cannot be equalled. We warrant them. They make suitable Holiday Gifts.

## CARSON &amp; TOWNER,

No. 11 West Main Street.

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THERE IS A SURPRISE IN STORE.

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Leading Hatter and Clothier, No. 41 North Street.

## HOLIDAY GOODS!

Have the Call from This Date to Jan. 1st.

—We have a great display of Novelties in silver, celluloid, gold, aluminum, etc.

—Prices from 10c to \$1; such prices as only the present "honest dollar" could produce.

—We have prepared a line of Dress Goods, for children's wear, at special reductions for the holiday season only.

—See our window.

—We have the Handkerchief stock of the season. Come and see it.

## H. E. CHURCHILL &amp; CO.,

No. 39 North Street.

## ANYTHING WANTED?

We have nice Cauliflower, Golden Wax Beans, Parsnips, Carrots, Lettuce and Celery, Red and White Cabbage, Red and White Onions, all kinds of Canned Vegetables and Fruits. Fairly good goods of every kind, choice Preserves and Jams. Everything in the grocery line at

## BROSS &amp; MUNDY,

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We are showing the largest assortment of Holiday Goods shown in the city, consisting of

NECKWEAR,  
GLOVES,  
UMBRELLAS,  
SUSPENDERS,  
HANDKERCHIEFS,  
COLLARS,  
CUFFS,  
SMOKING JACKETS

at prices that will astonish you. Give us a call.

## SAMUEL LIPFELD

25 North St

## HOLIDAY ANNOUNCEMENT.

We have just received the New Holiday Hat—the Princeton. Fur Caps, Seal and Ngora Cloth Caps in endless variety.

## Ready Made Clothing, Ulsters, Overcoats

and HEAVY SUITS. Owing to the lateness of the season, we will start in Dec. 1st to make special inducements to buyers in order to close out our heavy stock. Underwear, Cardigan Jackets, Sweaters and Jersey Coats. Elegant line of Neckwear, Suspenders, Gloves, fur and fur lined Mittens and Dress Kid Gloves. MERCHANT TAILORING DEPARTMENT—We are still busy. We keep up our stock of Suits, Overcoats and Trousers, which enables customers to make a good selection. Our Dress Suits have met with great success. Mr. Rodgers please call. Look at our line of Trunks, Satchels, Dress Suit Cases and Telescope Boxes, Mackintosh Coats, Umbrellas and Canes.

## To-Day and Christmas Week!

we call attention to a few lines of goods that are reasonable, and which we propose to make a drive on, that is bound to attract your attention

## Handkerchiefs.

200 different styles to select from. Name your price, we have them.

## Pocketbooks.

The largest assortment to be found this side of New York city. These at special prices for the week.

## Umbrellas.

One of the most useful of presents. We have them to suit everyone; styles and prices to suit all pocketbooks.

## Coats and Capes.

Here is the place to buy. Until Christmas we will sell all Coats and Capes at a discount of 20 per cent. from the regular price. Remember these are all new, fresh garments of this season's manufacture.

## J. D. HORTON, AGT.,

No. 27 West Main Street.

## Try Monhagen Buckwheat Flour.

## Absolutely Pure. Made by HOUSTON BROS.

Props. of Monhagen Mills.

Mills 62-66 Mill St.

## STORE—CORNER NORTH AND DEPOT STREETS.

Peter Oliverio, No. 9 James St.

New Tailoring Establishment.

For this month only we offer a Suit or Overcoat, made to order, for

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The best material furnished and first-class work. Cleaning and hemming at a nominal price. Give your order in time.

Remember the Place, 9 James Street

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Books make that kind of a gift. They are always in fashion and have the merit of suiting all ages and tastes.

Books in sets. Books in fine bindings. Books at prices to suit all purses.

A Subscription for a Magazine is a gift that lasts the year. Subscriptions for any publication, to any address, can easily be made through us. For such cases we have prepared a special card that may be sent to indicate the gift and donor.

Lots of other things for gifts besides Books at prices to attract you. Come and see them.

## Hanford &amp; Horton,

No. 6 North St., Middletown.

## GENTLEMEN'S SMOKING JACKETS

suitable for Christmas Gifts.

Ulsters and Overcoats at

Reduced Prices.

## HOLIDAY NECKWEAR AND FURNISHINGS

Men's Silk Suspenders.

Evening Dress Shields.

Plush and Seal Caps.

We give free with all Children's Suits a Small Wagon.

## GEO. W. YOUNG.

I sell dry wood, always kept under shelter. You can be sure of a dry article at

## E. H. GREGORY'S.

Telephonecall 129.

## HOLIDAY PRESENTS.

## "The Hub" Shoe Store,

13 West Main Street.

Men's Embroidered Slippers 50, 65c a pair and up.

Men's Tan and Black Slippers 75c and \$1.

Men's Tan and Black Elastic Side Slippers \$1.25 a pair.

Rubber and Felt Boots, Over-shoes, all at low prices.

## HOW TO KEEP YOUR HUSBAND HOME.

Buy one of our House Coats. They are the neat and lasting styles and not expensive. To make other useful presents you could select Neckwear, Gloves, Mufflers, Suspenders, Dress Suits, Velvet Vests, Silk Umbrellas, Canes, Children's Reefers, Leather Leggings, etc.

Neckwear 12, 15, 25c.  
Silk Umbrellas 95c., \$1.25, \$1.50.  
Silk Suspenders 50c.  
Kid Gloves 50c up.

## Morris B. Wolf,

Blue Front Store,

10 North Street.



## ONCE MORE

we say it. Don't go to New York this year to buy your Christmas Presents until you have taken a day off and examined the mammoth assortment of the C. E. Crawford Furniture Co.

Bric-a-Brac galore, Pictures—Art Gallery "out of sight," Furniture by the car load and Crockery for the millions.

## C. E. Crawford Furniture Co.

44-46 North Street, Middletown.

Summer Fragrance at Christmas Time!

That's a pretty thought for a gift! Exquisite Perfume of Roses, Violets, Jasmine, Arbutus, Heliotrope and many other buds and blossoms prepared, developed and blended in our own laboratory, now offered in daintiest device of crystal cut glass or in simpler form for plainer tastes. Each in perfect form, the best of its kind, a gift sure of welcome anywhere.

Offering to you Perfumes and Toilet Waters of our own preparation, we give you larger assortment, better style and save you money.

McMonagle & Rogers, 30 North St. and 158 North St. (North Side Pharmacy.)



If careful selections of the newest and best novelties in Christmas gifts, and a uniform scale of low prices will be an inducement to holiday shoppers, then one and all should pay us a visit before they buy. We have taken great pains to provide desirable selections for all kinds of people and have been equally careful to make the prices right.

7 West Main Street, Middletown.

**Fancher's**

## DAILY ARGUS.

MONDAY, DEC. 21, 1896.

**OPEN EVENINGS.**  
THE BUSINESS OFFICE OF THE "ARGUS" IS OPEN EVENINGS FROM SEVEN UNTIL EIGHT O'CLOCK.

**WEATHER INDICATIONS.**  
BY FRANK PIERCE.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Partly cloudy Tuesday; possibly preceded by light local snows, northerly winds.

**THE TEMPERATURE.**  
The following was the registry of the thermometer at Frank's drug store, to-day:  
7 a. m., 22°; 12 m., 31°; 3 p. m., 32°.

**AMUSEMENT AND RECREATION.**  
—Dec. 21, 22—"The Mikado," at the Casino.  
—Dec. 21—Ball of Umpqua Lodge, at Assembly Rooms.  
—Dec. 28—"Peck's Bad Boy," at Casino.  
—Jan. 1—Masquerade ball, at Casino.  
—Jan. 1, 15, 29—Bachelor Club hops.

**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.**  
—Holiday towels at Weller & Demerest's.  
—Get a wavy free at Geo. W. Young's.  
—Pigeon shoot at L. V. Bauer's.  
—Raffle at 14 Canal street.  
—Furs cheap at Geo. B. Adams.  
—"Peck's Bad Boy," at Casino, Dec. 28th.  
—Bargains this week at J. D. Horton's.  
—Farm for sale by Gardner & McWilliams.  
—Holiday goods at J. E. Mills.  
—Boy wanted at this office.  
—Christmas presents at Matthews & Co.'s.  
—Fine neckwear cheap at Rudwiz & Co.'s.  
—Holiday goods at Economy Store.  
—Plumbing done by Thos. A. Murphy.

**LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.**  
—"The Black Crook" at the Casino, Christmas.  
—"Don't fail to see 'The Black Crook' at the Casino, Christmas."  
—"The Erie pay car made its regular monthly visit to this city, to-day."

—"Peck's Bad Boy" will hold the boards at the Casino, next Monday evening.

—"Any lady may attend the performance of 'The Black Crook,' at the Casino, Christmas, as there will be nothing to offend."

—"Monthly meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the First Congregational Church, to-night, at 7:45. A full attendance is desired."

—"At the Mikado, to-night, general admission tickets will be sold at the box office for fifty cents. Gallery tickets twenty-five cents."

—"Hon. Jacob Swaghtout, of near Deckertown, sold last week, a yoke of steers which weighed 4,220 pounds, to a Port Jervis butcher."

—"The annual meeting of the Firemen's Relief and Benefit Association will be held at its rooms in the Opera House building, to-night. Officers will be chosen for the ensuing year."

—"Invitations have been received in this city for the twenty-seventh annual soiree of Highland Engine Co., of Newburgh, which will be held New Year's eve."

—"The Port Jervis Messenger has issued invitations for a grand masquerade ball, New Year's night. A number of invitations have been received by Middletown people."

**PERSONAL.**  
—"John V. Perkins, of New York, spent Sunday in town with friends."

—"Miss Helen Johnson has gone to New York to spend the holidays with friends."

—"Miss Nellie Baker has taken the position of bookkeeper in the office of Jones & Cressy, on Union street."

—"Mrs. Joseph Corley is seriously ill with pneumonia, at her home, No. 87 Sprague avenue."

—"Miss Mary Warren, of Brooklyn, who has been spending a few days with relatives and friends here, returned home to-day."

—"John Charlock returned to home, Saturday, from a two weeks' visit to the family of his sister, Mrs. Wm. Hehn, at Walton."

—"Mrs. Hannah Worcester, of Middletown, N. Y., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Coburn, on Rea avenue."

—"Miss Lillie Vetter, of this city, returned home, this morning, from a week's visit among relatives and friends in Wawayanda."

—"Misses Bessie Rogers and Jennie Conkling returned from Fort Edward Institute, Saturday, to spend the holiday vacation at their homes in this city."

—"Fred W. Towner, who has been looking after his firm's out-of-town trade for a number of weeks, is now at home and will remain until spring, and will be glad to see his friends and customers at Carson & Towner's."

—"Mrs. L. C. Jordan, Mrs. C. J. Boyd and Mrs. L. D. Fouquet, who have been at Mt. Clemens, Mich., under treatment for rheumatism, returned to this city, Saturday. They were all very much benefited by the baths, and have every reason to hope that they are cured of the disease which has tormented them so long."

**Ready to Fight if War Is Declared.**

Ed. A. Lorentz, the florist, is one of our most patriotic citizens, and if war should be declared between this country and Spain will be heard from. He has talked the matter over with his friends, and already has a list of about forty names of persons who are ready to form a company and take up arms at a moment's notice if their services are needed.

**Veterans Sympathize With the Struggling Cubans.**

S. W. Fullerton Post, G. A. R., of Newburgh, has adopted resolutions expressing sympathy with Cuba's struggle for independence, and requesting Congressmen Odell to exert his personal influence when opportunity offers in favor of Cuba.

## SAD ACCIDENT AT UNIONVILLE.

**Perry V. N. Moore, of Greenville, Struck by a Train While Driving Across the Susquehanna Tracks—His Skull Fractured and Other Injuries Sustained—His Condition Very Critical.**

From our Unionville Correspondent.

A distressing accident occurred at the Main street crossing in this village, Sunday morning, at about 9 o'clock.

Perry V. N. Moore, a young farmer from the town of Greenville, was on his way to Haynes' creamery with a team and a load of milk and just as he got on the track, the milk train running ahead of time, shot out from behind the large building of Beakes & Clark and struck the wagon amidship.

Mr. Moore was hurled about sixty feet and landed on the butts of Brown's switch. J. M. Brown was standing near and he and some others, who happened to be on the street, picked up the wounded man and carried him to the office of Dr. F. M. Dennis nearby. He was unconscious and was bleeding profusely from the nostrils and ears. An examination by the doctor revealed the fact that the base of the skull was badly fractured and that his nose was split its entire length. No other bones were broken, but it is thought he sustained internal injuries of a serious nature. He became conscious in about four hours and was removed to Van Sickle's hotel, where he still is at this writing.

A messenger was at once despatched to his home to inform his friends of his misfortune, and very soon his young wife and his father, Emmet Moore, a prominent citizen of Greenville, were at his side, together with several other friends. It is hoped that his injuries may not prove fatal, but his condition is extremely critical.

The wagon, with its contents, was completely wrecked, but the horses were uninjured. When freed from the vehicle they ran as far as the Railroad Hotel, where they ran foul of a lamp post and one of them fell, and they were speedily secured by some persons standing near.

This crossing is a very dangerous one, particularly when approached from the west, as the large building of Beakes & Clark completely shuts off both sight and sound of trains approaching from the south, and they shoot forth like an arrow as they appear from behind the building. There have been several narrow escapes at this point, and the village masters made an order governing the movement of trains at this crossing some years ago, but evidently did not make it broad enough to meet cases of this kind. This crossing is quite a long distance from the station, and trains pass almost at full speed.

## Elder Benton Jenkins Seriously Ill.

Elder Benton Jenkins is very seriously ill with a malignant stomach trouble, which is causing him much suffering and his friends much anxiety. He was visited, yesterday, by Dr. Murray, a New York specialist, who confirmed the diagnosis of Dr. Mills. He spent a comfortable night, last night, and is doing as well as can be expected under the circumstances.

## To-day's Holiday Excursions.

The special excursions to New York over the Erie and O. and W. roads, to-day, were not as liberally patronized as was expected. The Erie carried seventy-five out of Middletown and the O. and W. thirteen. The latter gave a special rate from up the road and at Cornwall had 112 passengers in all.

## A Pigeon Shooting Match.

Three well known sportsmen of this city have arranged for a shooting match for a sweepstakes of \$100 in live pigeons, at Louis Bauer's Walkkill River House, on Christmas day. The match is attracting much attention among the sportsmen of this city, and many of them will attend the contest.

## Good Templars at Church.

Orange Trust Lodge, I. O. G. T., attended the North Street Congregational Church, in a body, last evening. Rev. J. W. Norris preached an appropriate sermon which was highly appreciated by the templars.

## Very Old Church Records.

The Reformed Church Consistory of Napanoch, Ulster county, has just come into possession of a quantity of old church records, some dating back to 1760. Rev. Mr. Van Oostenbrugge will translate such as are written in Dutch.

## Squire Payne Cleaning House.

The court room occupied by Justice Powelson for so many years is receiving a thorough cleaning so as to be ready for his successor, Mr. Payne, who will occupy the same quarters.

## Social Meeting of the Epworth League.

The monthly social meeting of the Epworth League will be held at St. Paul's Church, this evening. An interesting programme has been prepared.

## New Washee-Washee Men in Town.

Chin Goon and A. Q. Lewis, two Chinamen from New York, were in town Saturday looking for a laundry site.

## A Million Gold Dollars.

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## LAST NIGHT'S FIRE.

**A Young Lady's Caller Sets Fire to the Sofa While Searching for a Lost Side Comb.**

An alarm was rung in from box 25, corner of North street and Wickham avenue, at 8:40 o'clock last night. The fire was located at the residence of Erie Ticket Agent J. M. Wright, No. 56 Linden avenue.

First Assistant Engineer Higham arrived at the house before any of the companies, but as the fire had already been extinguished he had nothing to do but send in the recall.

The fire was in the parlor, where Mr. Wright's sister, Miss Emma, was entertaining George F. Bailey. Miss Wright lost a side comb and her friend, in searching for it, lit a match to look under the sofa. The flame from the match ignited the fringe of the sofa, and in an instant, sofa and lace curtains near were in a blaze.

Miss Wright's friend is cool-headed and, after tearing down the curtains and throwing them out of the window, he ran to the kitchen, procured a pail of water and dashed it upon the sofa. By this time the fire had communicated to a rug, and several pails of water were required to extinguish the blaze. While all this was going on some one saw the blazing curtains and sent in the alarm.

Mr. Bailey had one of his hands quite badly burned while putting out the fire.

The loss by fire, smoke and water will amount to two or three hundred dollars.

The loss is fully covered by insurance through the agency of Gardner & McWilliams.

The building belongs to E. Minshall. The only damage it sustained was the slight charring of a window frame.

## THE NEW JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

**Republicans Getting Madder and Madder Over Mr. Payne's Appointment.**

The appointment of Arthur M. Payne as Justice of the Peace continues to be galled and wormwood to many Republicans, and as the influences that lie back of the appointment become known they grow angrier and angrier. It is a wild western cyclone in a very small tea pot but it is amusing while it lasts.

The ARMS thinks that a veteran should have had the place. The law gives them the preference for almost every public place and the spirit if not the letter of the law required the recognition of the claims of the veterans who wanted the appointment. If the appointive power in its wisdom thought it necessary to ignore the veterans there were old residents who sought the place who might have been preferred to a newcomer, a comparative stranger, whose only claim to consideration was the fact that he made a few political speeches last fall.

We may add that Mr. Payne is a very worthy young man, possessed of unusually fine abilities and will undoubtedly make a good justice.

## SOME SMOKE, BUT NO FIRE.

**Fumigated His House While He Went to Church—A Crowd About to Break in the Doors.**

Last evening when people were returning from church some one noticed smoke issuing from the residence of C. W. Fancher, corner of Houston and East avenues, and soon a crowd was collected. Everybody believed the house was on fire and as there was no response to the bell, several proposed forcing open the door and would have done so had not some one thoughtfully decided that it would be best to telephone to Dr. Fancher's residence, rightly concluding that Mr. and Mrs. Fancher might have stopped there after church.

A message was sent from E. W. Van Duzer's residence and this reply came: "It's all right; I'm only fumigating my house." This explanation satisfied the crowd and they went their several ways.

The volume of smoke was not great, but it was sufficient to raise the suspicion of fire and less thoughtful people might have broken into the house and caused more or less unnecessary damage.

## Miss Stewart's Port Jervis Entertainment.

The Port Jervis papers say that good progress is being made with the dances (they call them "drills") for the Trade Carnival, to be given in that village, Jan. 1st and 2d, under the direction of Miss Lila A. Stewart, and that the success of the entertainment is already assured. It is given for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A.

## A Year for Each Wife.

Charles H. Foster, who has two wives in Kingston, two in Brooklyn and one in New York, was sentenced, Friday, to five years in Sing Sing on his plea of guilty of bigamy, which he made haste to make when he was arraigned and saw all his spouses waiting to testify against him.



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INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN COSHEN.

**Christmas Service at the H. E. Church—Home for the Holidays—Catact's Christmas Dance.**

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Very interesting Christmas services were held at the M. E. Church, last evening.

—Miss Frances A. Landy, who is a student at the New Paltz Normal School, is home for the holiday vacation.

—The Christmas dance of Catact E. and H. Company will be given at Music Hall, Thursday evening of this week.

## A SUCCESSFUL MUSICAL.

**Given by H. L. Wickham's Pupils, Saturday Afternoon.**

H. L. Wickham gave a pupils' musicale at his attractive studio in the Casino building, Saturday afternoon. This was the second one of the present season, and the performers showed without exception the benefit which they are deriving from public playing.

The following programme was very successfully carried out:

1. Schubert—Minuet from Op. 78. Mrs. K. W. Stahl.
2. Guilmant—Pavane. Miss Dolgin.
3. Rameau—Ballet. Miss Dolgin.
4. Bachman—Impromptu. Miss Dolgin.
5. Beyer—Nocturne. Miss Dolgin.
6. Rubenstein—Kammermusik. Miss Dolgin.
7. All in a Garden. Miss Dolgin.
8. Mason—Valse. Miss Dolgin.
9. J. S. Bach—Andante. Miss Dolgin.
10. Gollander—Mazurk. Miss Dolgin.
11. Handel—Harpichord Blacksmith. Miss Dolgin.
12. St. Saens—Mazurk. Mrs. Todd.
13. Marguerite. Mrs. Harvey Wickham.
14. Nevin—La Arcadia. Harvey Wickham.

## A BRUTAL ASSAULT.

**A Young Man Knocked Down and Kicked by Two Others—Withdrew His Charge Against Them in Court.**

Two young men who were on board a Goshen car, Saturday evening, and were evidently intoxicated, used abusive language to another young man, who protested against such conduct in the presence of ladies. The matter rested there until the car stopped at the Square. When the latter alighted he was knocked down by one of the inebriated men and the other kicked him unmercifully, inflicting severe bruises about the head and body.

Both men were arrested and were arraigned before the Recorder, this morning. The injured man finally withdrew his charge and the case was settled. The Recorder very reluctantly allowed the charge to be withdrawn.

## Meeting of the State Hospital Stewards.

The stewards of the State hospitals for the insane are to meet in Albany, Tuesday, to make out the list of the articles for hospital use that can be manufactured in the State prisons, which, after Jan. 1st can only employ convict labor in making articles for use in State institutions or those of its minor political divisions.

## Youth and Old Age Wedded.

Fishkill Landing is surprised at the marriage of Ephraim Horton, a wealthy widower, seventy-one years of age, and Florida Bebe, aged twenty-six, which took place Friday. The aged bridegroom's wife died less than a year ago, and it is only a few weeks since he began to "take notice" of the young woman who has now promised to love and honor him.

## A Great Day for Shoppers.

This has been a great day for shoppers, and the ladies took advantage of the splendid weather to inspect the finest stock of goods displayed in all the stores. The streets presented a lively scene all day, and merchants and their clerks have had all they could do to wait on their customers.

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## TWO INDIAN PYGMIES.

European Scientists Are Very Much Interested in Them.

Homer tells of a fabulous race of dwarfs, the Pygmies, who dwell in the far east, in India, where they kept up a deadly warfare with the race of the cranes. Is it a couple descended from Homer's pygmies who are now on exhibition in a Berlin museum? At any rate, the little people who are attracting a great deal of interest in the German capital come from the wonderland of the far east, from the British possessions in Burmah, where they first saw the light on the bank of the Irra waddy river, not far from its mouth.

These dwarfs differ from those generally seen on exhibition in that



THE BURMESE PYGMIES.

they are physically and mentally quite normal—perfectly formed and intelligent human beings. They look like little statues carved by a master's hand; and since their pretty faces are always smiling at the people whom they see, it is easy to understand why they have delighted all visitors to the museum.

The girl, Fatmah, is 16 years old, 25.5 inches high, and weighs 8.80 pounds. Smaun, the boy, is hardly 14 years old, about two inches shorter and weighs about half a pound less than his sister. They were presented to the Berlin Anthropological society by Prof. Virehow, and aroused an altogether uncommon interest on the part of the scientists. It is said that Prof. Virehow will soon publish a monograph about them.

Accompanying the little people are their parents—Monag Song, the father, and Maschima, the mother—as well as their brother, Julai-en, who is 11 years old and of normal size. All three are of the true Indo-Chinese type.

## WOMEN COAL MINERS.

Those Employed in England Are Satisfied with Their Work.

There is a great deal of talk in England against the employment of women in coal mines; but a London Sketch artist who recently visited Wigan to investigate the subject declares that the "pit-brow girl" prefers shoveling coal to mill work. The "brow," to the uninitiated, means the surface immediately at the pit's mouth. There the "cage" goes up and down incessantly during the day. The cage consists of three "decks," each carrying two "tubs," or small carriages. The girls shovel the coal from the dump into



A TYPICAL PIT-BROW GIRL.

chutes. Their pay is two shillings two pence a day. Each girl wears a blouse and skirt tucked up, loose-fitting, a large, long apron of blue or blue holland, black stockings, clogs, and last, not least, a pair of good, dumpy men's trousers made knee-buster fashion, exactly the same as ladies' usual riding or cycling "knickerbockers," and quite as modest in construction.

## Privileged Saloons in Chicago

The chief of police of Chicago has made an order to the effect that any saloon within a radius of one-half block of a newspaper office would be allowed to remain open during the night. The modification of the existing order is due to a large extent to efforts of the printers, who saw no reason why they of all the working classes, should be shut out of the privilege of quenching their thirst if they so desired. The new regulation may give rise to peculiar incidents. For instance, an enterprising publisher might start a paper of his own and by this means secure exemption from the edict that bears upon a neighbor who has no journalistic facilities.

## For Polishing Eyeglasses.

It is an odd fact, but one which is borne out by the testimony of the portion of the community best qualified to speak—the users of eyeglasses and spectacles—that the ordinary pocket-handkerchief is not a satisfactory polisher of the glasses. A not too common note is useful according to some authorities, and it is probably for similar reasons that Japanese paper napkins are often carried about. Cheese cloth, folded once or twice and stitched in a convenient size, is another useful fabric for this use, while a physician testifies in behalf of a bit of the antiseptic gauze of his profession, which in an emergency he experimented with very successfully and has since adopted.

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## ALEXANDER S. CLAY.

He Will Succeed John B. Gordon as Senator from Georgia.

Alexander Stephens Clay, of Cobb county, Ga., chairman of the democratic state executive committee and ex-president of the state senate, has been elected United States senator to succeed John B. Gordon.

"Steve" Clay, as the new senator is known throughout Georgia, as a boy worked on a farm and secured an education by his own efforts. He studied law, was admitted to the bar and made his appearance in politics in the latter '70s, when he was returned from Cobb county as a member of the legislature. He served some years, and the third term, in 1889, he was elected speaker of the house at the same time



ALEXANDER STEPHENS CLAY.

when F. G. Dubignon was president of the senate.

He presided over the house with dignity and was very popular among the members. At the next session of the general assembly he was elected a senator from the thirty-fifth district, and was elected president of the senate without opposition. He was a factor in much important legislation and often took the floor to favor measures of merit.

In the convention which nominated Gov. Northern in 1890 there was a contest for the position of attorney-general between the late George N. Lester, a one-armed ex-confederate soldier, and Col. Clifford Anderson, the profound and brilliant attorney-general of preceding administrations. Perhaps the most thrilling speech ever made in the Georgia capitol in nominating a candidate for office was made by Mr. Clay in nominating Lester. It carried the members off their feet and Lester swept the convention.

When Gov. Atkinson became the democratic nominee in 1894 he was succeeded as chairman of the state executive committee by Mr. Clay. In the campaign recently closed he held the same position. He is young, active, vigorous and of commanding physique.

CLEVER LITTLE TOY.

It Enables One, to All Appearances, to Look Through a Coin.

A little toy bearing the high-sounding name of "X-Ray Machine Wonder of the Age" has been invented, by means of which you can, to all appearances, look straight through a silver dollar or a hardwood stick. The Scientific American prints a picture of it and shows how cunningly the trick is done. As you will see from the cut, there are two cylinders, made to look like coils of wire. When the eye is applied to the end of one of these cylinders objects may be clearly seen through them, and when a coin is slipped between the ends of the cylinders, as shown in the cut, it offers no obstruction to the light. Objects can apparently be seen through the coin.

But the small diagram shows where the trick comes in. The hole in each

cylinder has a bit of mirror-glass at the end, arranged at an angle of 45 degrees. A hole extends downward from the central hole of each cylinder, so that light entering at one end of the machine is reflected downward at right angles by the first mirror, thence forward by the second mirror to the third, which throws it up to the fourth mirror, by which it is reflected to the eye. It will thus be seen that the light never passes entirely through the cylinders, and the observer does not see through, but around the coin.

The old device which preceded this was on a much larger scale, and was generally used in connection with a brick, which could be seen through, of course, quite as well as a coin.

Anyone can make an X-ray machine of this sort with some wooden or pasteboard tubes and some bits of looking-glass. And to one who does not understand the trick it is a very wonderful device.

Tuscan Women's Necklaces.

From time immemorial the peasant women of Tuscany have been accustomed to wear necklaces composed of several strings of small pearls of irregular shape, pierced and strung on silk. These pearls are known as "intermetzette." Their necklaces most frequently constitute their sole property, and have often cost from 1,000 to 1,500 lire.

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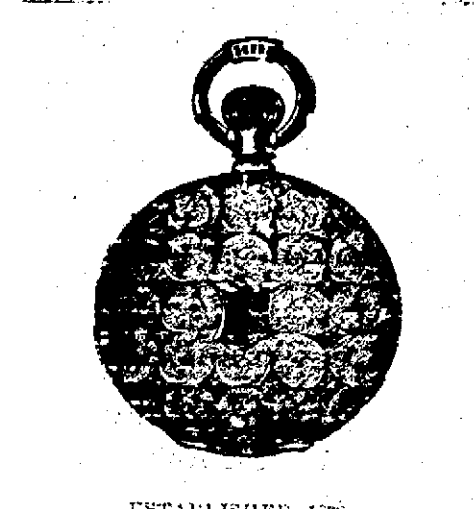
cylinder has a bit of mirror-glass at the end, arranged at an angle of 45 degrees. A hole extends downward from the central hole of each cylinder, so that light entering at one end of the machine is reflected downward at right angles by the first mirror, thence forward by the second mirror to the third, which throws it up to the fourth mirror, by which it is reflected to the eye. It will thus be seen that the light never passes entirely through the cylinders, and the observer does not see through, but around the coin.

The old device which preceded this was on a much larger scale, and was generally used in connection with a brick, which could be seen through, of course, quite as well as a coin.

Anyone can make an X-ray machine of this sort with some wooden or pasteboard tubes and some bits of looking-glass. And to one who does not understand the trick it is a very wonderful device.

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 10:45 a. m. and 5:52 p. m., Sun. only.  
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 601, 617, 625 stop at Main street, Mid-  
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remedies have failed. **Painful!** 4 cents.  
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## SPECIAL TERM CASES.

**Tried Before Justice Dickey in Newburgh, Saturday.**

Before Justice Dickey of Special Term in Newburgh, Saturday, the following business was transacted:

Hon. G. B. Taylor made a motion for an injunction to restrain the Newburgh Lumber Company from using \$20,000 of stock secured from his client, Samuel McClung, while the latter was in ill health and under a threat of prosecution for appropriating the funds of the company, while acting as vice president. At the same time they compelled him to resign his office of vice president. Mr. McClung was given \$5,000 in cash and \$10,000 in notes. The defense claimed that the shortage in Mr. McClung's accounts was more than the \$5,000 difference in the transaction. The court said Mr. McClung had a right to sell his stock at any price he pleased and refused to hear argument.

In the action of W. J. Groo vs. B. F. Low, judgment was given plaintiff with five per cent. costs.

An order for the commitment to the State Hospital, in this city, of George McDonald, was made.

The original judgment was entered in June, 1896, for \$1,108.11. The interest on it for the intervening years has added \$1,397.21, bringing the total up to \$2,505.32.

An application was made for the dissolution of the partnership of Howland & Bauer, proprietors of the Howland House, Newburgh. The application was granted and A. E. Layman and John F. Tucker, two Newburgh newspaper men, were appointed receivers. A. H. F. Seeger, who made the motion, was so well pleased with the appointments that he declared he would accept them without bonds.

Two Italian applicants for citizenship were examined. They thought the Mayor of a city is a bigger man than the Governor of a State and neither knew the name of the king of their native land. They wanted "papers" and will get them.

## THE BUSHVILLE MURDERS.

**A Rumor That Two Women Propose to Tell All They Know.**

From the Ellenville Press.

Light is likely to be thrown on the murder of the two old people killed near Monticello, a couple of years ago. The shooting of the bear trainers at Summitville will be remembered. McCombs claimed that he shot the men for insulting his wife. While he was in jail she went off with a negro; it is said, and he has since had a woman living with him who claims to have knowledge of the Moore murder. The story is that she and another woman went from Liberty in a wagon with a man who was suspected, but not held; that he shot one of the old people through the window, and breaking open the door killed the other with a shovel. Now the two women propose to tell what they know. It was expected arrests would be made last week.

## Funeral of Mrs. Ghee.

The funeral of Mrs. Clarence E. Ghee took place at her late home on Watkins avenue at 2:30 o'clock, yesterday afternoon. Rev. F. A. Heath officiating.

The house was filled with sorrowing friends who came to pay the last act of respect. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful.

The following were the pall bearers: S. G. Ogden, G. B. Lee and F. Cordier, of Phoenix Engine Co. and E. C. Allen, A. Parkins and C. Berg, of the 24th Separate Co. band.

## Raiding Norwich's Disorderly Houses.

Norwich is making an effort to rid itself of disorderly houses. Two detectives were imported, who posed as gay young men, and had no difficulty in obtaining evidence that has landed Hattie Walker and two of the inmates of her home in jail. George Kelley, keeper of another house pleaded guilty and Hollie Biehler, who has had trouble with the authorities before, is to be tried.

## Go Uster \$5,000 better.

The Board of Supervisors of Dutchess county, following the example of the Supervisors of Uster, has decided to make improvements to the court house in Poughkeepsie. A resolution to spend \$50,000 on the improvements was passed Friday.

## Burglars at Turners.

The saloon of Fred Main, at Turners, was burglarized during Friday night. The thieves helped themselves to Mr. Main's cigars, and carried away five boxes of his best cigars. The saloon is in the building in which the family reside, but no one heard the intruders.

## Deafness Cannot Be Cured.

by Your applications as they are treated in the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional means. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Sent for circulars free.

F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O.

Sold by Druggists, 75c.

## CHRISTMAS GIFTS THAT GO OVER THE SEA.

**Many International Money Orders Sold at This Season at the Middletown Post Office.**

Post office employees say that they notice a great decrease as compared with former years in the number of Christmas packages going through the mails. There is, however, one branch of the post office's Christmas business that shows no signs of falling off,—the sale of international money orders, Christmas gifts to the "old folks at home."

Few people have any idea of the amount of money sent across the ocean through the Middletown post office. Most of it goes to Ireland, some to Germany and a little to England. The international money orders sold for Ireland are usually for \$10,—approximately \$2, and many of them are made payable to the parish priests. No matter how hard the times, no matter how great the self-denial involved, these annual gifts that bring bodily cheer and comfort to the old father and mother are never neglected or forgotten; and bodily cheer and comfort are not the least of the blessings that these Christmas gifts carry over the sea, for they go freighted with proofs that the passing of time and change of scene have not lessened the love of sons and daughters who are fighting life's battle in a foreign land.

## J. Pierpont Morgan as a Railroad Magnate.

From the Newburgh News.

J. P. Morgan, of this country, if not the leading man of business in America, is so close to the top that he will reach it in a few years. He has long been the leading banker. Now it transpires that he has supplanted the Vanderbilts in the control of the New York Central, and has put that big corporation in his pocket along with the Erie, the New York and New Jersey, the West Shore and a number of other railroads.

## Funeral of Mrs. Ray.

The funeral of Mrs. H. Caroline Ray took place at her late residence, No. 87 East avenue, at 10 o'clock, this morning. Rev. Dr. Beattie officiating. The Misses Howland sang a duet appropriate to the solemn occasion.

The remains were taken to Fishkill on train 38, where there later took place, this afternoon.

## Died of Black Diphtheria.

Fannie Bell, the nine-year-old daughter of George Brouss, died in Brooklyn, Saturday, at 1 p. m., of black diphtheria. She was nine years old, and a very bright child.

The interment took place in Evergreen Cemetery, Brooklyn, yesterday.

## Killed on the O. and W.

About 11 o'clock Saturday night, as an O. and W. freight train, drawn by engine 179, H. Smith engineer, was nearing Hancock Junction on the Scranton Branch, the engine ran over and killed Charles Moore, a resident of Starlight. The young man was twenty-three years old.

## NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT.

JAS. P. TIGHE, Commission Broker, Stern Building, 16 North Street, Middletown, N. Y. Stocks, Bonds, Grain and Provisions bought and sold for cash or carried on margin.

	Yesterday	Today
Sugar	110 1/2	110 1/2
Tobacco	7 1/2	7 1/2
Chicago Grain	7 1/2	7 1/2
Nat. Lead	22 1/2	22 1/2
General Electric	20 1/2	21 1/2
U. S. L. pref.	68 1/2	69 1/2
Tenn. Coal and Iron	25	25 1/2
A. T. & S. P.	13 1/2	13 1/2
C. B. & Q.	70 1/2	71 1/2
C. M. & St. P.	72 1/2	73 1/2
R. I.	65 1/2	66 1/2
P. C. & W.	102	102 1/2
Erie	14 1/2	14 1/2
D. and H.	12 1/2	12 1/2
O. & W.	14 1/2	14 1/2
Sasquahanna & Western	25	25 1/2
Sasquahanna & West. pref.	25 1/2	25 1/2
P. & R.	19 1/2	19 1/2
S. W.	15 1/2	15 1/2
N. Y. C.	97 1/2	97 1/2
M. P.	18 1/2	18 1/2
Texas	8 1/2	8 1/2
P. P.	8 1/2	8 1/2
W. Union	8 1/2	8 1/2
S. W.	47	47 1/2
Manhattan	87 1/2	88 1/2
P. M.	21	21
Wabash, pref.	1 1/2	1 1/2
N. Pacific, pref.	22	22 1/2
W. L.	47 1/2	47 1/2
Southern Ry.	25 1/2	25 1/2
Southern, pref.	25 1/2	25 1/2
May Wheat	70 1/2	70 1/2
May Corn	25 1/2	25 1/2
May Oats	19 1/2	19 1/2
Jan Pork	\$7 65	\$7 65
Jan Lard	\$3 55	\$3 55

## BANKING HOUSE OF HENRY CLEWS &amp; CO.,

11, 13, 15, 17 Broad St., New York.

MEMBERS OF THE N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE. Orders for Stocks, Bonds, Grain and Cotton executed for investment or on margin. Interest allowed on deposit accounts. Act as Floor Agents for corporations. 970661321

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D. O'BRIEN & REILLY, Undertakers and Embalmers, 50 Cottage street, Middletown. Tel. home 12, night and day. New York office, 27 Grant Jones street.

MARRIED. WHATLEY—ECK—In this city, Dec. 19th, '95, by Rev. Frank A. Heath, William Whatley, Jr., and Anna M. Eck, both of Ellenville.

DIED. JONES—Suddenly at Port Jervis, Dec. 20th, '95, Percy, wife of E. F. Jones. Funeral Tuesday, at two p. m.

## SACRED CONFIDENCE.

**No Woman's Letter Published Except by Request.**

**Mrs. Pinkham's Tender Relations With the Suffering of Her Sex—Women Who Cannot Hide Their Happiness.**

There is a class of women who, from their own experience, sympathize with their suffering sisters, and in order that such suffering may be lessened, not only put aside false modesty and in heartfelt gratitude publish to the world whatever woman should know.

Mrs. W. L. Elliott, Liscomb, Iowa, is one of those women, and has requested us to publish the facts in her case, otherwise it would not be done, as all such evidence is treated in sacred confidence, unless publication is requested by the writer. She says to Mrs. Pinkham:—"I wish you would publish the circumstances of my case, in order that other women may be benefited by my experience."

"I doctored nearly all the time for two years. I spent several hundred dollars without receiving much benefit. Last June I wrote to you and described all my aches and pains. Such a long list as there was: headache, backache, bearing-down pains, terrible soreness, constipation, dizziness, feeling of extreme lassitude, irregularity and nausea; but you answered my letter and told me just what to do. I followed your advice."

"After taking eight bottles of the Vegetable Compound and three bottles of Blood Purifier, I am glad to write you that I have not enjoyed such good health for years, and I am able to do all my own work. I can surely sound the praises of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and a number of my friends are taking it upon my recommendation."—MRS. W. L. ELLIOTT, LISCOMB, IOWA.

## RIDGEBURY.

Correspondence Agents and Mercury.

All those wishing to enjoy a Christmas treat should be present at the "Cantata," which will be given by the M. E. Sunday School in costume on Christmas eve. Santa Claus' pack is open for all those wishing to give presents to their friends. Admission fifteen cents.

## A Crazy Newburgher.

George McDonald, of Newburgh, better known as "nine o'clock o'doodles," has become insane, and will be taken to the Middletown asylum.

## Handsome Sets!

of Mirror, Comb and Brush. Must be seen to be appreciated.

## PERFUMES!

Different styles and sizes prettily combined. QUALITY very fine.

## "Awfully Sweet!"

A ten cent bottle of Best Perfume on a decorated card.

## SACHET POWDER

to please everyone.

## J. E. MILLS, Druggist

North St., Middletown

## FOR SALE.

The fine farm, known as the Sinclair place near Hiramburgh, is a fine estate, on the Newburgh turnpike. The farm contains about 225 acres, 70 acres of which are planted with 11,000 apple trees just coming in full bearing, and nearly \$2,000 netted from this crop last year. The farm is in good state of cultivation and will keep fifty cows, good outbuildings and horse power. A complete stock of farm implements in good condition will be sold with the farm. This farm has no water, is well situated, fine view on the Shawangunk Mountains and location an exceptionally healthy one. Will be sold at a bargain.

## GARDNER &amp; WILLIAMS.

No. 25 NORTH ST.

## POTTED HAM or TONGUE!

Unusually cheap, 5 and 10 cents; former price 15 and 25 cents.

## B. F. TODD,

121 North St., Middletown

## FIRST NATIONAL BANK

The annual election for Directors of this bank will be held at the banking rooms of the bank, on Tuesday, January 12th, 1897, from 9 a. m. to 10 a. m.

## ONE CENT A WORD

for each insertion. No advertisement taken for less than 10 cents.

I HAVE removed my plumbing business from the Fruit Building, corner Union and Franklin street, to the building directly opposite, where I will be pleased to see all my friends and contractors. THOMAS J. MURPHY.

A. L. Home Killed Poultry for Christmas. Chickens constantly on hand at lowest prices. GREENING'S.

BIG Pigeon Shoot at Phillipsburgh. Christmas day. Plenty of live birds. Everybody come 2144t L. V. BAUER.

TURKEY and Goose Battle at 14 Canal street. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. 2144t

BOY Wanted to learn toe Printer's Trade. Enquire at this office.

FINE Christmas Gifts—A bottle of good perfume, a beautiful atomizer filled with our choice violet or lavender water, a shaving cup, soap and brush complete, or a box of choice cigars. Call in and inspect them. CHAMBERS' Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street.

FINE Sachet Powder of choice odors at CHAMBERS' Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street.

GREAT DROP—Plates 4 and 5c. Our kettle roasts 10 to 12, sausage and pork only 10c, cheaper pieces pork 8c, ter pounds 70c. GREENING'S.

FOR RENT—Four rooms, first floor, double house on Wakarusa avenue; well and cistern. Your own price until April 1st. EDWIN S. MERRILL, Attorney at Law, No. 16 East Main street.

"HARDING'S Handy Hanger," price 12 cents. Keeps coat and pants in good shape, all at the same time. A fine Christmas gift. G. F. HARDING, Mr., Wurtsboro, N. Y.

YOU cannot walk on the points of nails with comfort under the shoe. You have your fine shoes "SOLED" with the leading process in summer madness. CRAIG, the shoe-maker's new method dispenses with nailing. 22 WEST MAIN STREET.

D. C. THIMME, Dentist over J. E. Swalm's grocery store, No. 12 East Main street. dtf

M. C. FREER has opened a painting and paper hanging business at 38 Wiener avenue. All work guaranteed to be satisfactory. Prices very reasonable. M. C. FREER.

PAPER Hanging at 12 1/2c a roll; also all kinds of painting. Estimates on all work cheerfully furnished. EMIL MARTINI. dtf Shop 5 Academy Ave.

GOOD Barn for rent. W. C. DOYLE, 21 Benson avenue.

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The warrant for the collection of the State and County Tax for the city of Middletown, N. Y., for the year 1896 having been delivered to me by the Board of Supervisors, I will attend on each working day of the week (Saturday afternoons and holidays excepted), from 9 o'clock in the forenoon until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Corporation Room, Center street, in said city, for 30 days, beginning Monday, Dec. 21st, 1896, and ending Monday, Jan. 25th, 1897, inclusive, for the purpose of receiving payment of said taxes. No fee will be charged during said 30 days.

Dated Middletown, N. Y., Dec. 18, 1896. Dec. 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, Jan. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23.

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